

House Resolution 84

By: Representatives Borders of the 175th, Houston of the 170th, Black of the 174th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Valdosta State University's Peach State Summer Theatre as Georgia's
2 Official Musical Theatre; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the partnership between Valdosta State University and the Jekyll Island
4 Authority to produce the Jekyll Island Musical Theatre has been dissolved and Valdosta State
5 University has moved its summer theatre program to the Valdosta State University campus
6 as the Peach State Summer Theatre; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has recognized the importance of tourism to the economic
8 and cultural well-being of its people through the establishment of the Department of
9 Economic Development; and

10 WHEREAS, the enhancement of tourist attractions in Georgia, which would encourage
11 tourists to extend their stay in Georgia, benefits the state; and

12 WHEREAS, many groups in the state are working to improve the quality of artistic and
13 recreational experiences for Georgia residents and for out-of-state tourists as well; and

14 WHEREAS, the existence of musical theatre is a vital component of the artistic and cultural
15 life of Georgia; and Georgia is committed to encourage and support artists' activities of the
16 highest quality for the enjoyment and enrichment of the citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, has
18 received a Regents' Award for Excellence in the Theatre and has a 15 year history of
19 producing the Jekyll Island Musical Theatre Festival, a professional repertory musical theatre
20 company; and

1 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University is moving its summer theatre to Valdosta, Georgia,
2 and will continue to present musical theatre of outstanding artistry to residents and tourists;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, that summer theatre is named the Peach State Summer Theatre in celebration
5 of the State of Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the Valdosta State University's Peach State Summer Theatre as Georgia's Official Musical
8 Theatre.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.